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In re Application of: James Morrow, et al.
Serial No.: 09/746,854 Examiner: Patel, Niketa I
Filed: December 22, 2000 Group Art Unit: 2182
Title: GENERIC DEVICE CONTROLLER UNIT AND METHOD
Commissioner for Patents
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This amendment is responsive to the Office Action of April 7, 2004, and is timely filed with a two-month extension.

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Claims 1-34 are pending in the present application. In the present Office Action, claims 1-34 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Laity et al. (hereinafter "Laity") (U.S. Patent No. 6,697,892). Additionally, the title has been objected to as not being descriptive. No claims have been amended, added, or deleted. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the rejected claims. Applicants respectfully contend that the differences between the claimed invention and the prior art are such that the claimed invention is patentably distinct over the prior art.